

Clearly Sinclair Broadcasting has no intent to be fair or impartial in this election season. Their decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election without scheduling something similar on behalf of the other side is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. Free choice of the citizens involved is immaterial to their management.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for their bottom line or selected political goals and less of what we need for true democracy. It's important that real people in local communities and news about issues that matter there are available to all citizens, with or without access to cable's choices.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them, as the public has strongly expressed to you. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.